

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 6-12, as shown, below:

Guidewires are well known in the medical art and are used for accessing distal sites within the human body. Common access routes include the digestive tract, urinary tract, and peripheral, cerebral, and visceral vasculature. In use, ~~the~~ a guidewire is inserted into a vessel in the patient and maneuvered to a desired target site in the patient's body. Once in place, the guidewire is used to guide other apparatus, such as a catheter, to the target site. This is accomplished by feeding the catheter or other apparatus over the guidewire until the it reaches the target site.